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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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EYES ONLY FOR ASST SECY ATHERTON

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 10550 ACTION SECSTATE INFO TEL AVIV 21 OCT

QUOTE

S E C R E T CAIRO 10550

EXDIS (DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS)

FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IS EG

SUBJECT: QUERY FROM AMBASSADOR DINITZ

REF A. STATE 249516; B. TEL AVIV 6646

1. SINCE FAHMY DID NOT COME TO HIS OFFICE TODAY
(OCT 21), I WAS ASKED TO CALL HIM AT HIS HOME ON THE
GREY PHONE. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION CONTAINED
PARA 1 REFTEL A, FAHMY SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT "ANY
SOUTH AFRICAN CARGO" TRANSITING SUEZ CANAL, IF DISCOVERED,
WOULD BE CONFISCATED. HE SAID THIS

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ACTION IS TAKEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN OAU RESOLUTION.

2. FAHMY AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS EXTREME ANNOYANCE OVER SELECTION BY ISRAEL OF SOUTH AFRICAN CARGO TO TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL. HE CONSIDERED IT A "DIRTY TRICK" DESIGNED TO BRAND EGYPT TWICE: ONCE FOR PERMITTING ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH CANAL AND TWICE BECAUSE OF FACT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ORIGIN.

3. FAHMY THEN ASKED WHETHER THIS PROPOSED TRANSIT OF THE NETA COULD NOW BE CONSIDERED CALLED OFF. I SAID I COULD NOT GIVE HIM THAT SPECIFIC ASSURANCE BUT WOULD, IN VIEW OF HIS CATEGORIC STATEMENT ABOVE, ASK FOR CONFIRMATION OF ITS CANCELLATION. PLEASE ADVISE BY FLASH MESSAGE.

4. WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, I INDICATED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY OF A TRANSIT OF A SHIP OUT OF A RUMANIAN PORT ON OCT 26. FAHMY SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE FINE AND WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM.
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